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- (2) Disclosure of receipts and expenditures by Federal candidates and political committees; and
- (3) Limitation on contributions and expenditures regarding Federal candidates and political committees.
- (c) The Act does not supersede State laws which provide for the—
- (1) Manner of qualifying as a candidate or political party organization;
  - (2) Dates and places of elections;
  - (3) Voter registration;
- (4) Prohibition of false registration, voting fraud, theft of ballots, and similar offenses; or
- (5) Candidate's personal financial disclosure.

## § 108.8 Exemption for the District of Columbia.

Any copy of a report required to be filed with the equivalent officer in the District of Columbia shall be deemed to be filed if the original has been filed with the Secretary or the Commission, as appropriate.

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## PART 109—INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES (2 U.S.C. 431(17), 434(c))

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109.1 Definitions (2 U.S.C. 431(17)).

109.2 Reporting of independent expenditures by persons other than a political committee (2 U.S.C. 434(c)).

109.3 Non-authorization notice (2 U.S.C. 441d).

AUTHORITY: 2 U.S.C. 431(17), 434(a)(11) and (c), 438(a)(8), 441d.

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## § 109.1 Definitions (2 U.S.C. 431(17)).

- (a) Independent expenditure means an expenditure by a person for a communication expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate which is not made with the cooperation or with the prior consent of, or in consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate or any agent or authorized committee of such candidate.
  - (b) For purposes of this definition—
- (1) Person means an individual, partnership, committee, association, qualified nonprofit corporation under 11

- CFR 114.10(c), or any organization or group of persons, including a separate segregated fund established by a labor organization, corporation, or national bank (see part 114) but does not mean a labor organization, corporation not qualified under 11 CFR 114.10(c), or national bank.
- (2) Expressly advocating shall have the same meaning as set forth at 11 CFR 100.22.
- (3) Clearly identified shall have the same meaning as set forth at 11 CFR 100.17.
- (4) Made with the cooperation or with the prior consent of, or in consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate or any agent or authorized committee of the candidate—
- (i) Means any arrangement, coordination, or direction by the candidate or his or her agent prior to the publication, distribution, display, or broadcast of the communication. An expenditure will be presumed to be so made when it is—
- (A) Based on information about the candidate's plans, projects, or needs provided to the expending person by the candidate, or by the candidate's agents, with a view toward having an expenditure made; or
- (B) Made by or through any person who is, or has been, authorized to raise or expend funds, who is, or has been, an officer of an authorized committee, or who is, or has been, receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from the candidate, the candidate's committee or agent;
- (ii) But does not include providing to the expending person upon request Commission guidelines on independent expenditures.
- (5) Agent means any person who has actual oral or written authority, either express or implied, to make or to authorize the making of expenditures on behalf of a candidate, or means any person who has been placed in a position within the campaign organization where it would reasonably appear that in the ordinary course of campaign-related activities he or she may authorize expenditures.
- (c) An expenditure not qualifying under this section as an independent expenditure shall be a contribution in-